Gen Camp at Danville - Kentucky
Oct 23rd 1862

Dear Lydia

There is now a chance to send a letter right through to Chambersburg where it will be mailed to you. - I have now written seven or eight letters to you but presume they will not all reach but this I am pretty sure of

We have been on twenty five miles from this where we laid over three days, We then came back and our troops had got five miles beyond this towards Lebanon when our Brigade was ordered to about face and they camped here that night, 21st

The next morning Two Regiments of our Brigade with one Battery was ordered back to Lancaster, ten miles with five days rations. The other two regiments composing the Brigade were ordered to remain here until the return of the expedition, which will be three days longer. - There is something in the wind which will develop itself

but what ones are only able to co[illegible]
— I will write again in a few days
Remington went to Lebanon Sunday
and has not returned, yet which
has been the means of keeping me very
busy — Last night I got a full nights
sleep for the first time for over a
week, — very often I am up all night
at other times I sleep half the night
and others an hour or two, but I have
got so that I can lay down at any
time & place and sleep like a book
and it does not seem to have upon me
as I supposed it would. — I don't know
but I feel as well as I should if I
were at home, which surprises me very
much when I see hosts of other stout
fellows falling around me all of the
time, and filling up the hospitals
where they are almost sure to die

Every church in the city, — and there
are some large ones — and every school
house, together with the court House and
barns, and every available place are filled
with the Sick, — not Wounded, but <u>Sick</u>
which are reported to amount to
<u>eight thousand</u>. — I dread a Sick hospital
worse than a dozen battle fields

There is one thing connected with my duty that is very harrowing to my feelings — When we are on a March, with the strain on the rear are fine thousands of noble fellows that have dropped by the road side unable to go any farther, while others are just able to drag one foot after the other, and my instructions are to take no one into our waggons not even if ours are empty, but when we come along to those of our own regiment I often disobey orders and smuggle them through, — it is rough rough, and a fellow to get along well dont want to have any feelings

But I am very thankful that I am well, and I hope to keep so I must to hear from you very much, and whenever you get a picture that you can send me by mail, do so, the sight of a Woman's face, or any thing but a dead hog is getting to be quite a rarity — I have nothing further to write now. I write so often that I cannot make them very bright —

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Stackpole, from Dixon is very
sick and is up town in a hospital
and I dont believe he will ever
come out of it alive
Lieut Giles has been very sick
he has lost 25 lbs of flesh but
he is a little better now.
Write often Direct to
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79th Regt Ills Vol
Louisville Kentucky